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Mr. Ralph A. Haller
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Dear Mr. Haller,

I would like to express my concern over P.R. Docket 92-235, the FCC's proposal to re-assign radio frequencies in the 72/76 MHz band.

A number of my constituents have expressed serious concerns about this plan. As you know, while the change in frequencies may benefit land mobile radio users, it would interfere with the ability of hobbyists to safely operate their radio controlled (R/C) airplanes.

This sport, enjoyed by thousands, contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry. Its enthusiasts belong to R/C clubs and participate in organized events and contests all over the country. Often, these hobbyists have invested substantial amounts of money in their equipment.

Any actions which could affect the safety and feasibility of this sport should only be taken after very careful consideration. I am forwarding copies of the many letters I have received to your office. I understand that radio frequency bands are a limited resource and that this is a complex situation. I urge you, however, to give full and fair consideration to the important interests of R/C enthusiasts before reaching any final decisions.

Yours very truly,

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The Honorable Richard A. Gephardt
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Reference: FCC Proposed Rule
PR Docket 92-235

Dear Congressman Gephardt:

I have been building and flying model airplanes for 38 years and flying radio controlled model airplanes for more than 20 of those years. I have been an active member in two local clubs for the same 20+ years and derive many satisfying hours of enjoyment from the construction and flying of these sophisticated models.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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I do not believe it is in the best interest of the overall public for the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of the radio control modelers. The FCC may not believe we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable time, enjoyment, and investments in our models and radio equipment. This hobby provides countless hours of effort to thousands of people, young and old, like myself and contributes to the advancement and